discontinued in Uttar Pradesh during the last 3 years is follows:—

1985-86	——	23
1986-87	——	19
1987-88	——	5

(b) These post offices were discontinued on account of one or more of the following reasons:

(i) Loss in excess of the permissible limit;

(ii) Insufficient workload.

(iii) Location within a short distance of another post office.

(c) and (d) No person has been rendered jobless as alternative appointments have been found in all cases.

Supply of LPG for curing Tobacco

1442. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to supply Liquified Petroleum Gas through a pipeline to the Tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh for curing their produce; and

(b) whether Government feel that it will be more economical and will save fire wood and coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir;

(b) No study in this regard has conducted.

Delivery of Telegrams in A. P.

1443. DR. YELAMANCHLI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 1/5th of the telegrams in Andhra Pradesh are delivered by post; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. A small proportion of about 1/500th of the telegrams handled, was sent by post in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1987-88. (32,597 telegrams posted out of total 1,74,42,348 handled).

(b) Telegrams are despatched by post under unavoidable circumstances due to the following reasons beyond our control;

(1) Power cuts of long duration.

(2) Interruptions on long open wire lines in hilly terrains and jungle areas due to floods/rains; and

(3) The effect of General Bandhs and strikes on staff attendance.

Power Generating Capacity in the Country

1444. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is present generating capacity of power plants in the country;

(b) what are the targets of power production; and

(c) how Government propose to achieve the target and remove the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The installed capacity in the country an on 31-3-1988 was 54246.60 megawatt.

(b) The energy generation target for 1988-89 has been fixed at 226.5 Billion Units.

(c) In order to achieve the target, various measures are being taken which include expediting commissioning of additional capacity, early stabilisation of newly commissioned units, improving the performance of the existing thermal power stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses, implementation of energy conservation and demand management measures, and implementing short gestation projects.

Job Reservations for Bhopal Gas Victims

1445. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government and Madhya Pradesh Government are proposing to reserve jobs for the family members of the Bhopal gas tragedy victims; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) No special statutory reservation in jobs has been made for family members of Bhopal gas victims. However, gainful occupational opportunities for the affected persons are being created through the rehabilitation measures initiated by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Clearance of Hydro-Electric Power Projects

1446. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thermal and hydro-electric power projects cleared by Central Government, State-wise during 1987-88;

(b) what is the capacity generation of these projects alongwith the amount invested; and

(c) the number of these projects which are in the public and private sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) 31 thermal and hydro-electric power projects were approved during 1987-88. State-wise details are given in the enclosed statement (See below).

(c) 30 projects are in the public sector and 1 project is in the private sector.